

T-869
Thomas-Elliott House
Oxford
Private

c. 1885

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Thomas-Elliott House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: T-869

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial-Urban Dominance 1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas-Elliott House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 224 South Morris Street ___ not for publication

city, town Oxford ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne Truax Darlington Andrews

street & number 224 South Morris Street telephone no.:

city, town Oxford state and zip code MD 21654

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court Map 400, P. 716
liber 493

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 165

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. T-869

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Thomas-Elliott house is located at 224 South Morris Street in the southern residential district of Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating between 1885 and 1890, the two-story, side hall/double-pile frame house is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. A medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The two-bay front elevation is a slightly asymmetrical facade with a side entrance and adjacent two-over-two sash window. The heavily molded four-panel front door has two arched upper panels typical of door mid to late nineteenth-century door design. A two-pane transom is located over the entrance. Louvered vinyl shutters flank the adjacent window. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on chamfered posts and embellished with decorative fan-shaped brackets. The second floor is lighted by a paired of unevenly spaced two-over-two sash windows that also have louvered vinyl shutters. Each of the window lintels has a slight arch. Trimming the corners of the house are plain corner boards, which rise to a board frieze fixed under a boxed cornice. The gable-front of the house is trimmed with an extended eave that has returns at the base of the roof. Piercing the gable end is two-over-two attic window distinguished by a rounded head.

The north side is marked by an asymmetrical elevation of two-over-two sash windows openings, while the south side is pierced by two evenly spaced two-over-two sash on each floor.

The rear wall of the main block is covered largely by a two-story service wing. The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. T-869

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Talbot County Land Record, JFT 96/313, 18 May 1883.

² Talbot County Land Record, 158/64, 8 October 1910.

³ Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Population Schedule for Talbot County as transcribed and published by Helen E. Seymour, p. 119.

⁴ Sanborn Insurance Map, 1891, Maryland State Archives.

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THOMAS-ELLIOTT HOUSE
224 South Morris Street
Oxford, Talbot County, Maryland
Chain of title

493/165 Wesley G. Richardson
 Patricia A. Richardson

to

6/9/1975 Anne Truax Darlington Andrews

478/48 Martha Myers Yeager

to

9/24/1973 Wesley G. Richardson
 Patricia A. Richardson

432/594 Carlton M. Slagle

to

12/23/1968 Martha Myers Yeager

Robert C. Thompson and Sadie Crone, Executors
of the estate of Margaret Ellen Longfield
Oxenham

to

Carlton M. Slagle

371/89 Wesley G. Richardson
 Patricia A. Richardson

to

5/12/1961 Douglas M. Oxenham
 Margaret L. Oxenham

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THOMAS-ELLIOTT HOUSE
224 South Morris Street
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Chain of title continued

JTB 345/179

J. William Eckenrode, single

to

2/13/1958

Wesley G. Richardson
Patricia A. Richardson

298/1

Augusta Elliott, widow

to

7/17/1952

J. William Eckenrode
Confirmatory deed from Raymond H. Elliott,
Executor of U/W Isaac E. Elliott 301/131

JLS 26/163

Last will and testament of Isaac E. Elliott

to

9/15/1936

Augusta Elliott

265/586

Raymond Elliott, et al.

to

2/15/1946

Augusta Elliott

FGW 170/222

Lelia Elliott of the City of Philadelphia

to

4/17/1915

Isaac E. Elliott
\$500.00

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Chain of title continued

169/269

Isacc E. Elliott and wife

to

12/1/1914

Lelia Elliott

158/64

Sarah E. Thomas

Benjamin P. Thomas

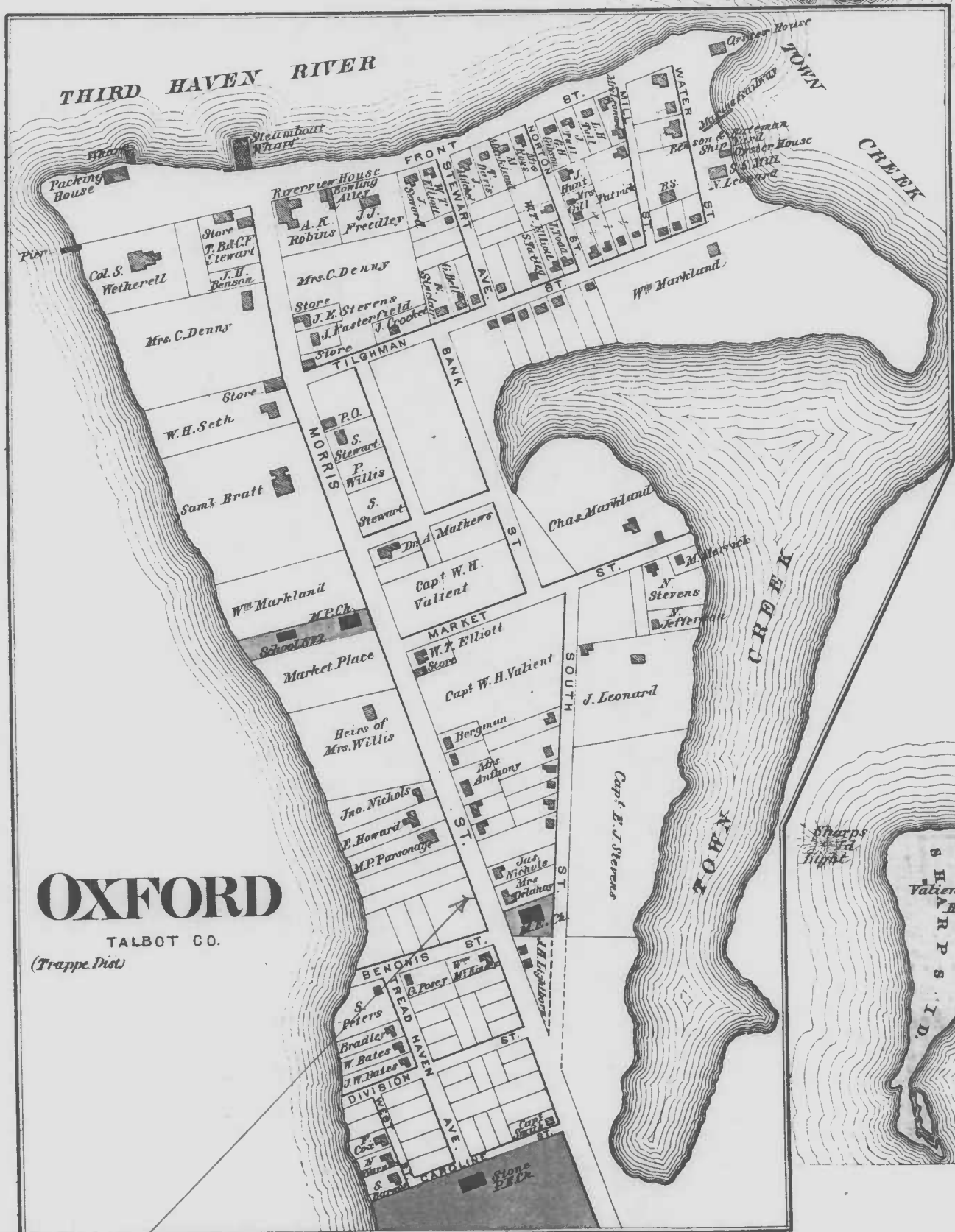
to

10/8/1910

Isaac E. Elliott of Oxford

\$650.00 southerly half of a piece of land
leased by Daniel Wilson of Charles P. Stewart
and Annie R. Stewart Lot No. 5 C.F.S on a
plat enrolled in Liber JFT 96/313

JAMES N. WESTON & SPEAKMAN, Proprietors of Steam Saw Mill. Manufacturers of Native Lumber. Custom Sawing done to order. Mill near Hambleton.



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877

Examined and returned to Charles F. Stewart June 29th 1883

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MORRIS

SOUTH

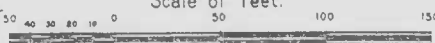
MORRIS

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Thomas-Elliott House
Sanborn Insurance Map
1901

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BENONIS

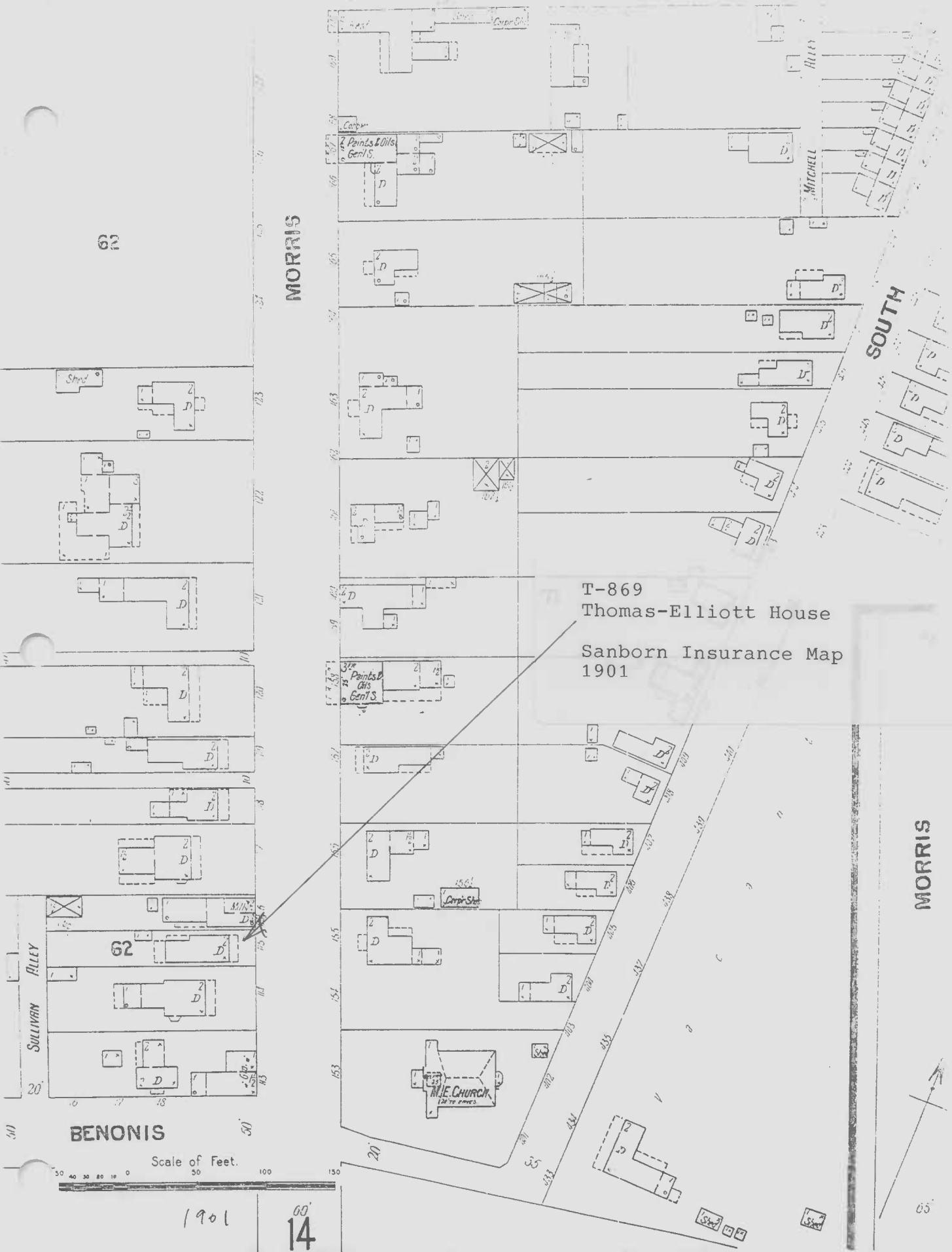
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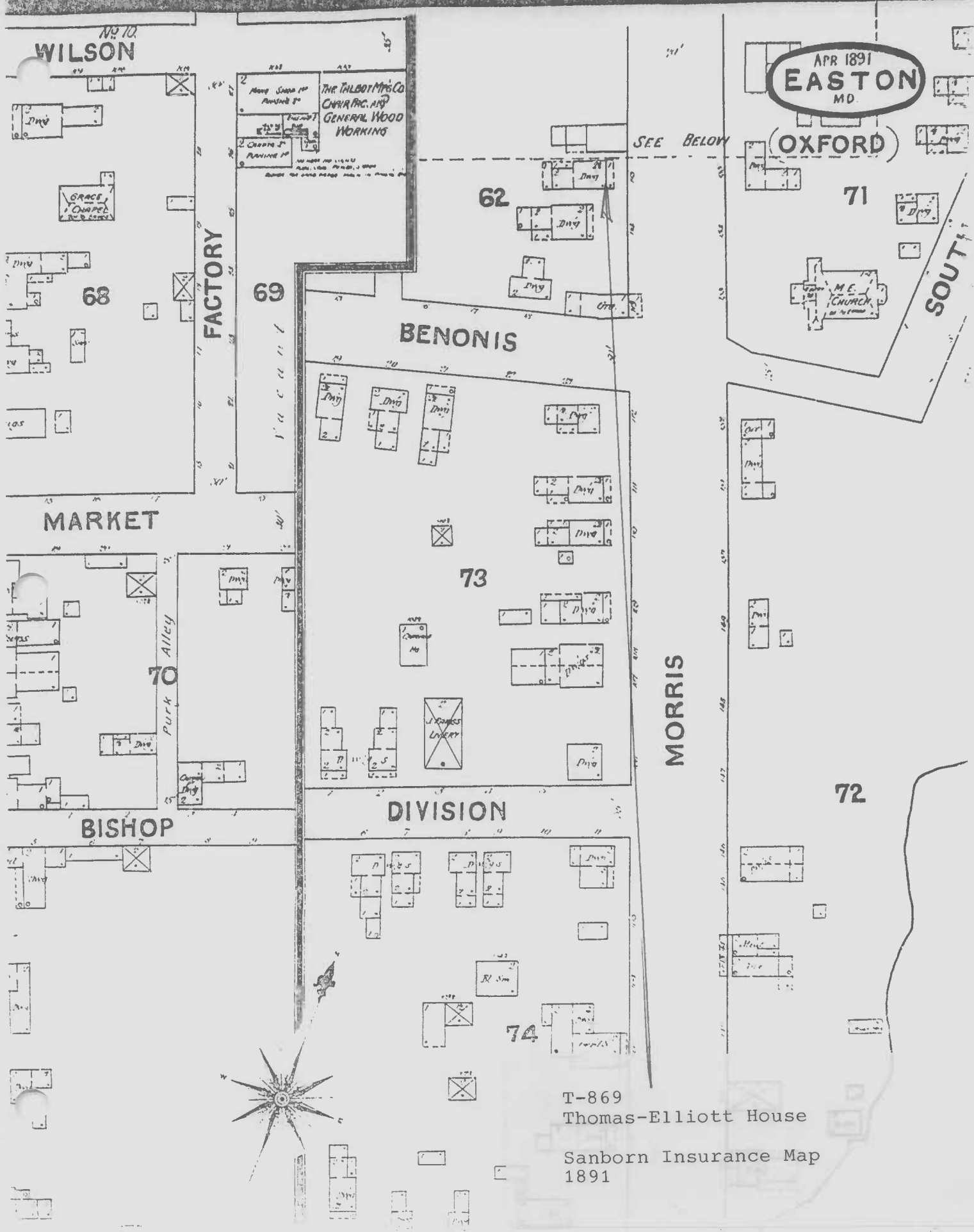


1901

60'
14

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 Thomas-Elliott House
 Sanborn Insurance Map
 1891

8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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⁵ Talbot County Land Record, 158/64, 8 October 1910.

⁶ Talbot County Land Record, 298/1, 17 July 1952.



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Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



